THE BI-MONTHLY

Newsletter of the Bisexual Center

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THE BISEXUAL CENTER

Philosophy and Objectives Statement

We are people seeking to love and share intimately with both women and men. Self-defined as bisexuals (although such labels are limiting) we are working to create for ourselves and others a strong sense of community.

* The **Bisexual Center** is united in struggling for the rights of all women and men to develop as whole, androgynous beings.
* We support relationships between persons of the same and other sex. These relationships may include relating spiritually, socially, emotionally, sensually, sexually and intellectually. We also support persons choosing a celibate lifestyle.
* We support people who have been oppressed because of sexual preference, gender, age or ethnic group.
* We encourage and support people struggling
    a. to bring about equality in areas of employment, housing, medical care and complete sexual information;
    b. for the right to engage in free expression of consenting sexual activity.

We support the open expression of affection and touch among people, without such expression necessarily having sexual implications.

Workshops
Bi-Monthly Newsletters
Weekly On-Going Rap Groups (Tues. & Wed.)
Liaison With Other Organizations
Women's Drop-In Rap Group
Individual & Couple Counseling
Public Education
Social Activities

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EDITORIAL

Whenever a change in editorialship takes place in a periodical, one usually looks for some new outlook, perspective, or direction that might stimulate discussion and interest among its readers. In taking over the Bi-Monthly as of this issue, I am looking for change, but in a constructive manner that will reflect the wishes of members. Certainly I have a difficult act to follow; the standards set by Jim Barnes in his tenure as Editor have made our newsletter pre-eminent among similar organizations nationwide.

In searching for a possible new direction, I have decided to concentrate, at least for the immediate future, on articles of a political and informative nature about bisexuality, and to have more ongoing columns by contributors wishing to examine in detail specific aspects of bisexuality which relate to their experiences. The first of these in this issue is by Charlene Michael. I am especially soliciting ongoing columns such as this.

This will necessitate fewer stories, poems and graphics not related directly to bisexuality, but it is hoped that, space permitting, some of these may also be published. And, in the final say, it is your newsletter, and your input and contributions will necessarily dictate what direction it ultimately takes. Please let me have your feedback. Write me c/o the Bi Center or call 235-7179.

Nate Brown

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WOMEN'S EVENTS

LET'S DANCE TOGETHER

Going to Pegs, Amelias, or Clementinas can be intimidating if you go by yourself--instead, come with us. Meet at the Bi Center for light snacks and we'll decide which bar to go to.

When: Friday, July 15 and August 12
Time: 8 PM
Place: Meet at the Bi Center
Donation: $2.00 to the Center

MASSAGE NIGHT FOR WOMEN

Various massage techniques will be demonstrated, then we'll practice on each other. Bring a sheet, towel, oil and a snack to share. No explicit sex.

When: Friday, July 22, 8 PM
Place: The Bi Center
Donation: $4 to $6

EXCURSION TO OSENTO

Osento is San Francisco's only all-women bathhouse. It is a converted Victorian house on Valencia Street, and has a large tile sauna, shower and massage area. Meet at the Bi Center for light snacks and to arrange carpool to Osento. Please make reservation with Autumn 567-9583, limited to 20.

When: Friday, August 5, 8 PM
Place: Meet at the Bi Center
Donation: $2 to Bi Center and $5 to Osento

POTLUCK PICNIC

Join us for fun and sun in Golden Gate Park, on Sunday, July 31.

Bring your favorite picnic food and a frisbee, baseball & bat, football, etc., and meet at the Bi Center at 10:30 AM. $2.00 donation to the Center

MOVIE NIGHTS FOR WOMEN

On the 4th Monday of each month we will be showing a film dealing with an aspect of female sexuality. Most of the films will be sexually explicit. After each film we will have an open forum to discuss issues raised. Refreshment will be served.

Donation: $4 for members; $6 non-members.
Time: 7:30 PM.

Monday, July 25: "Sweet Dreams"
This sensuous and sexually explicit film illustrates one woman's masturbation fantasies.

Monday, August 22: "After the Game"
This dramatization portrays two women dealing with same sex feelings and some of the difficulties they have initiating a sexual relationship.

The above events arranged by Autumn.

NEWSLETTER

Your articles, poems, stories (principally related to bisexuality), and drawings, are needed for the Bi-Monthly. All contributions must be in by the start of the next layout session to be considered for the next issue.

Schedule:

LAYOUT: Sunday Aug. 14th, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

PASTEUP: Sunday, Aug. 28th, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Your help at these sessions is invited in typing, setting up titles, cutting and pasting, and other jobs. No previous experience is necessary, and you don't have to stay for the entire session. A regular newsletter staff is sorely needed; call Nate if you can contribute your time and energy every couple of months.

AN EVENING WITH BI WOMEN AND MEN OF COLOR

The Bisexual Center is sponsoring an evening to discuss issues and take feedback from bisexual women and men of color on the ways the Center can be more supportive.

We don't feel that sexual orientation in general and bisexuality specifically is an irrelevant luxury, even in the face of racism. However, we are also uncomfortably aware of the lack of consistent participation from our bisexual brothers and sisters of color and would like to open dialogue, remove barriers, real or imagined, and to develop an atmosphere of mutual trust and concern.

Please plan to attend Monday evening, August 29th, at 7:30 p.m. Remember, the theme of the Freedom Day Parade this year was Strengthen the Ties, Break the Chains. There will be no donation requested for this event. -David Lourea

BISEXUAL PARENTING IN THE 80's

– OR –

" MOMMY, WHAT'S A DYKE ? "

--by Charlene Michael--

PART I: "WHAT DO YOU TELL YOUR CHILDREN?"

I am a bisexual person. In other words, I have loving and erotic feelings and behaviors toward both women and men.

Recently, I had a talk show producer ask me, upon learning that I was bisexual, "What do you tell your children?" My answer today is, Yes, I will tell my children I am bisexual. But I don't want to tell them specifics about my sex life as much as I would like to be a living example of a happy person, valued by society, whose life works for me. I wish other people happiness in whatever works for them. For me, being bisexual works.

Bisexual people are getting more vocal about their identity. This is because we have issues that need to be aired, and rights that need to be ensured and protected.

Bisexual Issues Unlimited. Basically, I am dedicated to understanding myself as part of a process of seeking to find understanding in my world. Within the past ten years, I have dealt with the issues of: Overcoming socially learned sex roles; becoming an independent woman; creating and maintaining healthy personal relationships of types which have virtually no role models; overcoming guilt patterns associated with sexual relating which I learned as a child from various sources; letting go of obsessive hostility and defensiveness toward my father for his beating of me physically when I was a child; coming out as a bisexual to my employers and to my mother; marital divorce; learning to maintain my self-esteem during celibacy necessitated by health problems; facing up to homophobia, sexism, ageism, racism, and heterophobia; reducing my stress level, including addictions to alcohol, cigarettes, and marijuana; and living with ineffective methods of birth control, including the questions around abortion. I have discovered, faced, and am now dealing with these issues as a direct result of coming to terms with my bisexuality.

For me, these issues have become political and social issues as well as personal ones. Why is this? Why not let sleeping dogs lie, and go on to improving the "larger world"?

One of my highest values is contributing to society. (I mention it to further debunk the myth that bisexual persons have low or non-existent value systems.) What other issues could I be working on? Well, the women's movement is not dead, nor is its validity. People are dying in over half of the Western Hemisphere's countries for reasons which I find appalling in their horror and power. There is the threat of nuclear explosion. I fear for a massive collapse of my community's degree of health. My civil rights may be threatened by the economic depression. I feel, literally, the weight of these issues upon my soul.

But today I am focusing on bisexual lifestyle issues, especially as they relate to parenting, because of other survival needs.

Parental Survival. An astounding amount of my energy is constantly being poured into the parenting of my daughter and the other child I live with. I am aware that my motivation to parent in a conscious manner is so strong that it currently outweighs my concern for the more life-and-death issues I mentioned

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above. (When I say this, I mean that there is always the notion that children raise themselves. At the moment, I don't subscribe to that notion, and consequently commit myself largely to parenting.) There is a death I have felt which I know as loneliness, pain of rejection, and guilt for cherishing my emotions. It is a type of death I die when I encounter what I and thousands of other people in my community consider to be blatant invalidations of our way of life. I consider invalidation of my lifestyle, when that lifestyle is in harmony with a value system I have consciously worked at to build, as a violation of my civil rights.

I am a conscious, hard-working citizen of this society. I am tired to my very bones of not getting enough support back. So this is the issue of the day for me: How may I survive if I am to create for myself a life which will teach my child by example that she will have options all of her life, and that she will have the right and freedom to live her life as her heart and mind lead her to?

I need to say this for my child and for myself: Get off your ass. Get rid of your nuclear weapons, get rid of your life-threatening diseases and dependencies, get rid of your ignorance around religion which leads to tormentous guilt, get rid of your killer dominance behavior, and, for life's sake, give me the support I need to pass on to my child a decent value system, and a joy in living. Accept that I am a bisexual person, and listen with genuine concern to the issues of my day.

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TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY RAPS

We encourage you to support the Center by participating in the regular Tuesday and Wednesday rap groups. These are the main source of income for the Center, and attendance has fallen off of late. We know a lot of you do attend the raps, some quite regularly, and we'd like to encourage the rest to do so. These raps are just what the name implies--a meeting place to discuss issues relating to your present or recent experiences, and not for therapy or problem-solving. If you would like support for your feelings and issues, these are the places to ask for it. Starting at 7:30 and going until about 10, we ask for a donation of from $3 - $5. Hope to see you there soon!

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

There are a lot of people to thank and acknowledge this issue. First of all, let's give an extra special thanks to Nick Latham, whose consciousness concerning bi issues has always been above and beyond the call of duty. Nick wrote a wonderful bi-affirming letter to the editor, in the May 12th issue of the Bay Area Reporter (B.A.R.), criticizing the Wellness Conference for not being more bi supportive. Speaking of the Wellness Conference, held May 7th, and sponsored by the Coalition for Human Rights (CHR) and the Gay & Lesbian Caucus at U.C.S.F., we'd like you to know that Nate Brown, Cliff Heaphy, Arlene Krantz, David Lourea, Charlene Michael, Jay Paul, and Maggi Rubenstein all gave a bi perspective to sixteen different workshops and discussion groups which they led during that Conference. David also wrote a letter to the editor which was published in the May 19th issue of the B.A.R. The B.A.R. has certainly been willing to print bi supportive letters to the editor and did so again in their May 26th issue when Alan M. Rockway had some pointed comments to make about the negative bi male perspective of the Playboy sex survey. Now if we could just get the B.A.R. to do a feature article on the Center or on bisexuality....

Don Chamberlain, who is straight identified, had Maggi as a guest on his call-in talk show on KGO FM (FM 104) discussing bisexuality, on May 2nd. Not to be outdone by Don, David Lamble, who is gay identified, pushed bi awareness even further by having Lee Olivier and David as guests, talking about bi issues, on his call-in talk show (also on KGO FM) twice--May 7th, and again May 29th. Lamble, who is attempting to broaden his listening audience, has made a commitment to have bi speakers on regularly. His next bi program will be with representatives of Bi-Pol on July 9th from 8 to 10 p.m. Be sure to listen, and all letters to the station manager praising the importance of bi oriented programs help.

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Letters

ISSUES OF RACE AND GENDER AT THE BI CENTER

At recent Board meetings, issues of race and gender have been brought up. On the issue of race, anyone who attends a rap group or any other Bi Center event that is open to the public only needs to look around the room to note that the Bi Center is predominantly white. Since the San Francisco Bay Area has a large population of people of color, their lack of representation at the Bisexual Center is unacceptable.

My personal experience has been one of constant frustration. Although the Bisexual Center's Philosophy and Objectives Statement says "We support people who have been oppressed because of sexual preference, gender, age or ethnic group", this statement still doesn't change the behavior of individuals, and for me it is the individual, not a printed statement, that determines what the Bisexual Center is like.

When I addressed the Board, and told them about my own personal frustration, and brought up specific incidents to illustrate the point I was trying to make about racism in the Bi Center, I think I made it sound too much like it was my problem. I made it sound too much like I was asking for their support (which, of course, they are more than happy to offer). I went about this issue the wrong way.

Instead of me, as a Black woman, asking for their support, they should be asking for my support. I don't need to hear that they want to support me in my efforts to bring more bisexuals of color into the Center, and to have the needs of bisexuals of color met at the Center. I need to hear what the Bi Center intends to accomplish, I need to hear what the Bi Center has done, and what will be done in the immediate future. I need to hear plans and see them carried out.

The San Francisco Bisexual Center was my first contact with the Bisexual community, and it's been there for me when I've been at my lowest. The Bi Center has given me space to carry out various projects that have been important to me. The Center has helped me with my personal growth, and I hate to think what my life would be like now if it hand't been for the Center. Therefore I definitely feel a responsibility to contribute my time and energy to any problem that faces the Bi Center. However, there is a limit to what I'm willing to give. I'm willing to help. I'm not willing to do everything.

If you, as a male, want to see issues of sexism within the Bi Center addressed and dealt with, you have your work cut out for you. And,

If you, as a white member of the Bisexual Center, want to see issues of racism dealt with, you have a lot of work to do. You have to participate at Board meetings, you have to come up with ideas, you have to raise your consciousness, and help others raise theirs. And I will support you. I'd like to hear your plans. What are they?

-Dru

EDITOR'S NOTE: Responses to this letter are invited. See also events, August 29.

BE "BI-MILLI-CENT"

The Bi Center is here because we want it to be. We need it to be. It's time to show your support. We will put our finances on secure ground by a series of fun fund-raisers. Starting off gradually, we're asking for your pennies (we'll work our way up!). Our goal is to collect 1,000,000 pennies--Empty out those jars of pennies and bring them to us!! Watch how a little support unified can produce big results. Bring your "cents" with you the next time you visit the Center!

-cj

ADVERTISEMENTS

Advertising space in the Bi-Monthly is open to BiCenter members at $1.00/42-letter line. Business cards are $5.00/card. Sorry no "personal" ads.

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EXPERT HOUSECLEANING by Carl Miller; Weekly, BI Weekly, and Special Occasions. Lots of references available. 647-7542.

STUDY PARTICIPANTS WANTED
Ph.D. dissertation: **ANAL EROTICISM IN WOMEN—BEHAVIORS, FANTASIES, ATTITUDES.** If you have experienced (actor or receiver) anal stimulation—manual, object, or oral—by yourself or with a male and/or female partner (whether or not you liked it) and would answer an *anonymous* questionnaire, please call 661-9922 June 15 or after and leave the following info.: first name, phone number, times you can be reached. I will call you personally. Abstract available to participants. Barbara J. Mercer RN, MS, Ph.D. cand.

BOARD MEETINGS

The next two meetings of the Board of Directors of the Bisexual Center will held on Monday, July 11 and Monday, August 8 at 7:30 PM at the Bi Center. Meetings of the Board are open to Bi Center members only. We invite members who have a special interest in sharing their ideas and suggestions to attend.

TRANSITIONS

Welcome to new board members Cliff Heaphy and Nate Brown, who joined the board as of the May meeting. Cliff has just finished his counseling internship at the Bi Center, and hopes to participate more in our activities in the fall following further studies this summer; Nate has taken over duties as Bi-Monthly editor, and will be assisting in several of the upcoming social events.

Our special thanks to Jim Barnes for his able work as Bi-Monthly editor, and we wish him well in his future pursuits.

We especially need more support from members both financially and in donated labor in order to continue our present level of services. Please, if you can, help us in any way you can, for we are only as strong as our members.

WE WANT YOU!

The famous Bi-Center Surveys have gone out in the mail. Jay Paul, Board Member, designed them for us so that we could get your feedback on what you would like to see happen at the Center. Don't let them sit on your desk--fill them out today! Your opinion does count! If you didn't get one, you can pick one up in the office.

-cj

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Mary Steward and Carl Miller gave talks at San Francisco Sex Information about their bisexual lifestyles and will repeat their presentation at the National Sex Forum's S.A.R. program on June 26th.

Drew and David spoke to over 200 students in a sociology class at U.C. Berkeley about bi awareness. Cliff gave a talk to his counseling class at S.F. State which went so well that he has been asked to come back and speak to future classes.

Several of these outreach efforts have brought new people to the Center, some of whom have become new Members!!

Thanks go to Autumn for all the red and white armbands she made for the Parade signifying Bi/Lesbian/Gay unity, and to Jerry Reynolds for his wonderful help and creativity on the bi booth at the Parade Celebration and also for the beautiful decorations at the Prom.

Bob Wheatly, Associate Director of the Department of Social Concerns of the Unitarian Universalists Association, was responsible for having Lee and David flown up to the University of British Columbia in Vancouver to talk about the "Myths and Realities of Bisexuality" at their 22nd Annual General Assembly. Over 100 people attended that talk, which was enthusiastically received on Monday evening, June 13th. We want to make sure Bob feels welcome when he visits the Center around the time of the Parade this June 26th.

Just one last note of thanks and that is to Chris Bowman for all the help and support he is giving Bi-Pol members planning a special 4-hour educational program for CHR on bisexuality. The program is scheduled for Saturday, July 30th. Yea, Chris.

--David Lourea

P.S. If you or anyone you know deserve special acknowledgment for contributions made, please let us know by the beginning of August. Let's keep the community informed of what is happening.

BI - POL ACTION GROUP

A political action group focusing on Bisexual rights has formed. Called BI-POL, the group is in need of interested, solid people of whatever sexual orientation. Its prime objective is full equality for Bisexuals and an and to second-class citizenship within the overall Bisexual/ Lesbian/Gay Community.

An initial organizational meeting was held at the Bi Center on May 14. The first project involved sending a letter to contingents marching in the June 26 Freedom Day Parade. Organizations were asked to show solidarity with Bisexual people and to return a questionnaire indicating if they have an interest in having Bi supportive people address their groups. Support for organizing the 1984 Parade as the "Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Freedom Day Parade" was also requested.

BI-POL is organized independently of the Bi Center, as well as independently of any other political group or party. It plans to interview and endorse Bisexual positive candidates for elective office, as well as to encourage inclusion of Bisexuals and Bi consciousness in programs within the general community. It will be working toward a progressive agenda providing alternatives to biphobia and homophobia, as well as to other forms of discrimination within our society.

The next project is a booth at the Castro Street Fair, Sunday, August 21. BI-POL needs volunteers to person the booth, distribute information, and tell people what we're all about. Please leave a message at the Bi Center to volunteer, or write BI-POL, P.O. Box 26227, San Francisco CA 94126.

-Alan Rockway
-cm

SUPPORT GROUP FOR STRAIGHT WOMEN WITH BI PARTNERS

A woman who has no same sex interest but finds that the man in her life is Bi often feels isolated, with a special set of concerns. To meet this special need, a self-help group for straight women with Bi partners is now forming in the East Bay. Group members can share their experiences, gain information and support. If there's a trained group leader out there somewhere, who is a straight woman with a Bi man, and who would like to lead us, please contact us. Those interested please call Deena, 235-7179, or write Box 1112, El Cerrito, CA. 94530.

EVENTS HAPPENINGS

GAMES NIGHT

Come join us for an evening of Games and general merrymaking. Bring your favorite game--cards, board games, etc.--and two dollars to help support the center. Members and their guests only.

When: Saturday, July 16, 8 PM
Where: The Bi Center
Donation: $2.00
Host: Charlene cm

MOTOWN NIGHT

You remember Rent Parties, don't you? The Bi Center has been in a financial crunch for quite some time now, and we're not too proud to ask for help in paying the rent! Your hosts for this Rent Party, Jerry and Charlene, invite you to join us at 9 PM on Saturday, July 30, at the Bi Center, for dancing the night away to some very hot Motown tunes. Donations for members: $6.; non-members: $8.50. Bring your own beverages, lots of friends, and let's get the rent paid on time for August, the Bi Center's anniversary month.

When: Saturday, July 30, 9 PM
Where: The Bi Center
Donation: $6 members, $8.50 non-members
Hosts: Charlene and Jerry cm

MT. TAM HIKE

Get out there, all you inveterate hikers, and join us for a day of non-strenuous walking and comeraderie on Mt. Tam. Bring sack lunch and plenty of suntan oil, and join us for a great day in the woods! Carpooling beforehand. nb

When: Sunday, July 24th, 9 AM
Where: Meet at the Bi Center
Donation: $2.00

BI SUPPORT GROUP IN BERKELEY

For women, men, couples. Meets Sundays, 7:30 PM, at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave. For more information, call the Pacific Center at 841-5224, or Don Honor at 482-2819.

WHAT A BARGAIN!

Not only do you have the privilege of bringing your own dish to the 7th Anniversary Party on Saturday, August 13th, but you also help support the Bi Center by anteing up $4.95 in the bargain. Less than the cost of going to see Return of the Jedi! Remember, potluck buffet (at least you can eat your own dish if you don't like anyone else's), and $4.95 entitles you to participate in a great evening of elegant dining and celebration of our seven glorious years of the Bi Center. Dinner attire encouraged.

When: Saturday, August 13, 7 PM
Where: The Bi Center
Donation: $4.95 plus potluck dish
Hosts: Jay and Autumn nb

GUESS WHAT?

Yes, you're right, another rent party on Saturday, August 27th. We desperately need your support so we don't go into hock this month--so turn out for good cheer, dancing to oldies and goodies, and bring several friends, everyone you know; invite all your family! Bring your own liquid refreshments.

When: Saturday, August 27, 9 PM
Where: The Bi Center
Donation: $6 members; $8 non-members
Hosts: Autumn and Nate nb

PICNIC DAY AT ANGEL ISLAND

Great day in the morning! We're going to Angel Island for a day of picnicking and fun on Sunday, August 21st. Bring your good cheer, a lunch (and possibly something to share), games & kids to the Bi Center at 8:45 AM for carpooling to Pier 43½.

When: Sunday, August 21st, 8:45 AM
Where: Meet at the Bi Center
Donation: $2.00 (Bring $5 for ferry roundtrip fare)

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SO. CALIF. BI CENTER

For members visiting the southland, the Bi-Social Center, 7136 Matilija Ave, Van Nuys 91405 is a place to meet and socialize; their newsletter describing upcoming events is available for S.A.S.E. to above address.

Community Bulletin Board

LAST CALL FOR
FOURTH-OF-JULY CAMPING TRIP

This year will mark our fourth annual camping trip to the Russian River. Past trips have proved to be some of the most exciting, liberating, and joyous events of the years of our existence. Coming on the heels of the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade (June 26), the strength and unity gained from the march become multiplied during the three days we spend together.

We will be on the River Friday through Sunday, July 1, 2, and 3. This is a members-only event and the space is limited, so it is important to get your reservations in early. The cost is $10.00 per person per night. Call the Bi Center at 929-9299 for carpooling arrangements.

To reserve space, send $10.00 per person to the Center by June 28, specifying the days you want to reserve and whether you can provide transportation or need it yourself. See you there!

A.A. GROUP

Sponsored by a local group of Alcoholics Anonymous, the "Bi Bye Booze" Group meets each Monday night at the Bi Center, from 7:00 to 8:00. New members are welcome.

WOMEN'S RAP GROUP

At 7:30 PM, on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month, the Bisexual Center offers a drop-in rap group for women to share their thoughts and feelings around issues of bisexuality. Not a self-help therapy/support group or an intellectualization session, but an opportunity to meet with women and share relevant issues in our lives. All women welcome. A $3.00-$5.00 donation will be requested.

IN MEMORY OF MARK B. FELDMAN

The Bisexual Center wishes to express its sincere sympathy to the lover, family and hundreds of friends and loved ones of Mark B. Feldman. Mark died of AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) on June 2, 1983. He was 31 years old, and yet, during that all too short life, he was the Director of Admissions at New College of California, the Treasurer of the Coalition for Human Rights, a member of the Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club, and an active member in Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, where he established a fund called Phooey on AIDS.

Mark's intelligence, integrity, compassion, and sense of humor touched the lives of literally thousands of people as one of the most outspoken persons with AIDS. We at the Center mourn the loss of a worthy comrade and a noble friend and celebrate his memory in an evening dedicated to the demystification of AIDS, with an emphasis on wellness in our community. Join us on Thursday evening, August 4, at 7:30 p.m. The proceeds from the $3 donation for the evening will go to the Phooey on AIDS fund in Mark's name. As Mark would say, "L'Chaim" -- to life.

-David Lourea

PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP

Space is still available for the closed support group for bi identified parents beginning in July. For information, contact Charlene Michael at the Bi Center on Tuesday evenings at the rap group or leave a message at the Center.

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The Fat is Beautiful/Thin is Beautiful Group has been suspended for the duration of the summer.

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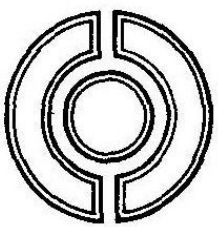

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